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1 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
2 SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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3 DAVID FLOYD, et al.,

4 Plaintiffs,

5 v.

08 CV 1034(SAS)

6 CITY OF NEW YORK, et al.,

7 Defendants.

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New York, N.Y.  
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10 Before:

11 HON. SHIRA A. SCHEINDLIN,

12 District Judge

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(Case called; in open court)

THE COURT: Please be seated.

Mr. Moore, good afternoon. Mr. Charney, good afternoon. Ms. Borchetta, good afternoon. Ms. Martini, good afternoon.

Ms. Grossman, good afternoon. Ms. Cooke, good afternoon. Who is Ms. Publicker? Good afternoon, Ms. Publicker. Good afternoon, Mr. Marutollo and Ms. Donahue.

So you are?

MS. SILVER: I am Ms. Silver, your Honor. Good afternoon.

THE COURT: Mr. Vickers and Ms. Richardson and Mr. Kunz, good afternoon. That's everyone.

We have a lot of work this afternoon. I have two letters both dated December 28th. Each party describing the motions in limine that they would like to make. The plaintiff asked for nine motions in limine. The defendants raised 10 motions in limine. And then on top of that I have been receiving letters it seems like nonstop -- December 31st, January 2. I think I didn't bring the third one down with me, but January 3rd. I think so. So the City wrote a letter December 31st. Plaintiff wrote a letter January 2nd and City responded January 3rd. Those three collectively are as long as all the motions in limine put together. It is all about one fellow Mr. William Pena and his stop and the City asks that the

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1 plaintiffs not be permitted to call this fellow because the  
2 stop occurred inside a New York City Housing Authority  
3 building.

4 So that is our agenda to resolve the Pena issue and as  
5 many of the motions in limine that I think can be resolved  
6 without briefing. I know of no law that requires me to permit  
7 briefing if I don't need it. So I am going to do what I can to  
8 rule without it. Let's start then with the City's letter  
9 because I think that is the one I happened to read first. The  
10 first one says, "Plaintiff should be precluded eliciting  
11 evidence of the officers' disciplinary histories, prior  
12 lawsuits and settlements." I will tell you in each instance  
13 what I think should be the answer and then will be happy to  
14 hear from whoever wants to say more.

15 The officers' disciplinary history or prior lawsuits  
16 or settlements are irrelevant unless there is a case about a  
17 suspicionless stop. So if I saw something that there is a  
18 history of suspicionless of stops that might be relevant to  
19 proving pattern and practice, failure to supervise, failure to  
20 train and who knows what. But I don't know if there will be  
21 any such a thing. Most of these disciplinaries are rude  
22 language, late to work, didn't wear his uniform. All kinds of  
23 stuff I have seen over the years. Sometimes worse than that,  
24 but we have to look at whether there is anybody who had a  
25 disciplinary history involving suspicionless stops. That is my

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1 instinct.

2 Does anyone want to be heard?

3 MR. CHARNEY: Sure. I will start -- start the ball  
4 rolling. The first answer is there is at least one such.

5 THE COURT: I will deal with the one such.

6 MR. CHARNEY: Do you want know describe it or just --

7 THE COURT: I probably would have review in camera  
8 what it is, but quickly tell me. Was it a CCRB complaint?

9 MR. CHARNEY: Yes. Substantiated CCRB complaint for  
10 that stop against one of the defendant officers who stopped --

11 THE COURT: I couldn't hear you.

12 MR. CHARNEY: One of the defendant officers who  
13 stopped plaintiff Deon Dennis and the stop that was the subject  
14 of the CCRB complaint was from 2006. Mr. Dennis' stop was in  
15 2008. The reason we think this is relevant, and your Honor I  
16 think sort of agrees with us, is on the Monell issue because  
17 failure to discipline is one of our claims here.

18 THE COURT: Right. I get the argument. It was a  
19 substantiated CCRB of a suspicionless stop.

20 Let me hear from the City.

21 Is that it?

22 MR. CHARNEY: Well, no. The other I think probably  
23 easy one is that in many of the stops that our witnesses are  
24 going to testify about, the stops they were subjected to, they  
25 ended up filing civilian complaints and we think those civilian

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1 complaints are clearly relevant to the circumstances of their  
2 stops because the officers were interviewed by CCRB.

3 THE COURT: That is a prior statement of a party  
4 opponent. That is not a problem. It is the very stop that is  
5 being litigated here that is a different issue, too. If the  
6 officer made a statement, if the plaintiff made a statement.  
7 Maybe the plaintiff's statement is going to differ from what  
8 the plaintiff says on the stand. Both sides want that. These  
9 are prior statements by the very people involved.

10 MR. CHARNEY: A third category we think is very  
11 important to Monell is when it comes to civilian complaints  
12 there are several different agencies that will investigate  
13 them. There is the CCRB, which we know about, but then there  
14 are two internal NYPD departments. There is the Office of  
15 Chief of Department and the IAB. The way that they  
16 investigate, the extent to which they investigate, the quality  
17 of those investigations we think is very relevant.

18 THE COURT: Denied. I am not going to into every  
19 disciplinary charge of he was late, he was rude, this and that.  
20 I am not interested. It is a collateral matter, the quality of  
21 those investigations. Not going there. So the one fellow that  
22 you said who may have had a prior suspicionless stop hasn't  
23 been substantiated yet. The prior statements of either side  
24 made that the CCRB took by any of the stops being litigated,  
25 the plaintiff gave a statement or the officer made a statement

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1 that is always admissible.

2 MR. CHARNEY: What about lawsuits for similar conduct?

3 THE COURT: Suspicionless stops or bad stop.

4 MR. CHARNEY: A false arrest.

5 THE COURT: Probably based on a bad stop. I have to  
6 do it on a case by case basis. Filing of a lawsuit doesn't  
7 prove anything. What happened with that lawsuit? Was there a  
8 verdict? Was there a settlement? I don't know how many of  
9 these you possibly can have. Individually if it is a bad stop.  
10 No all bad arrests have a bad stop. I have to look at them one  
11 by one.

12 MR. CHARNEY: On that issue, your Honor, we still have  
13 a few depositions of officers to take.

14 THE COURT: That's fine. One by one. There is no  
15 reason to brief this motion in limine as it stands because the  
16 City got what it wanted.

17 MS. GROSSMAN: Your Honor, if the ruling is that if  
18 the officer was indeed disciplined, that the issue that the  
19 plaintiffs just raised about a particular officer connected  
20 with the Deon Dennis stop, if that is indeed what happened and  
21 there was a discipline of that officer --

22 THE COURT: I don't care. It was substantiated.  
23 There was a substantiated suspicionless stop for one officer  
24 one time. This is not a jury trial. I am sure I can handle  
25 this information. This is the problem with a nonjury trial.

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1 MS. GROSSMAN: I haven't committed it to my memory. I  
2 have to go back and confirm --

3 THE COURT: Sure.

4 MS. GROSSMAN: And if there is anything --

5 THE COURT: Of course.

6 MS. GROSSMAN: -- I need to raise about your ruling.  
7 So you are saying if it is a substantiated CCRB for the  
8 suspicionless stop --

9 THE COURT: Stop. Right. Not all the other stuff  
10 people get disciplined for. Not interested. Abusing overtime,  
11 that is another very common one you see. All kinds of things.

12 MS. GROSSMAN: And then on the -- I just wasn't clear  
13 on the second point that the plaintiffs raised regarding  
14 statements by officers.

15 THE COURT: If a very stop in issue here was  
16 investigated by any agency -- any agency -- CCRB, grand jury,  
17 you name it and if the plaintiff gave a statement or the  
18 officers gave a statement that is a prior statement you can  
19 use.

20 MS. GROSSMAN: That is different than the disciplinary  
21 history. It is a prior statement regarding a stop that is  
22 going to be testified to.

23 THE COURT: Correct.

24 MS. GROSSMAN: I understand that.

25 THE COURT: Correct.



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1 MR. CHARNEY: Can I --

2 THE COURT: We have to get through 20 of these.

3 MR. CHARNEY: On the second category, the CCRB  
4 complaints for the stops that are at issue in this case,  
5 several were substantiated. We I think have the right to  
6 inquire whether the officers were disciplined for those  
7 substantiated stops.

8 THE COURT: That's fine.

9 MS. GROSSMAN: Then just to be clear on the prior  
10 lawsuits, you said that you would like to look at this  
11 individually?

12 THE COURT: If there are any prior lawsuits. How many  
13 can there be?

14 MS. GROSSMAN: There may be lawsuits that ended in a  
15 settlement and then --

16 THE COURT: I have to see what the facts are in the  
17 prior lawsuits. I won't expect there would be a lot to worry  
18 about.

19 MS. GROSSMAN: No. But when we settle cases on behalf  
20 of the City if there is no admission of liability, and there  
21 are many reasons why someone might enter into a settlement, so  
22 I don't take your ruling to mean right now under those  
23 circumstances that type of evidence would be admissible.

24 THE COURT: I can't rule on the individual lawsuit  
25 issue now. When I see a lawsuit, I will talk about it.

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MS. GROSSMAN: Do we move in limine?

THE COURT: I don't need papers. Write a letter and say, We looked at all of our officer witnesses and only have two have lawsuits involving stops. I want to see what the stop was about.

MS. GROSSMAN: If we want to go to trial and make sure the plaintiffs cannot elicit testimony regarding that, we then do have permission move in limine?

THE COURT: Right. But not move formally. The same way, a letter, attachment, show me the complaint. Let me see what it is about. Maybe it is still pending. I don't know what lawsuits there are.

MS. GROSSMAN: Okay.

THE COURT: It has to be similar, in other words, a stop.

The second motion in limine says, "Testimony concerning plaintiffs and the class members incidents should be limited solely to stop, question and frisk."

And I am just extemporizing and not what happened later at the station house, for example, but limited to the immediate consequences of the stop. Again, I will tell you my leaning and then you can talk. I think the City is right and that is that. I think the City is right. All I am interested in is the stop, the immediate consequences of stop.

Ms. Borchetta.

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1 MS. BORCHETTA: Your Honor, in certain circumstances  
2 what happened after the stop goes to the basis of the stop  
3 itself. An example is we have one class member witness who was  
4 a juvenile. After his stop he was taken to the station.  
5 Because he was taken to the station, the stopping officer  
6 filled out narratives.

7 THE COURT: Yes, of course. A prior statement of the  
8 officer is coming in. That is a blanket ruling. Anyone who  
9 made a statement about the stop at issue at any time -- maybe  
10 he testified in the grand jury, maybe he testified at trial --  
11 anything that the officer had to say about that stop is coming  
12 in just like anything that the plaintiff said about the stop is  
13 coming in.

14 MS. BORCHETTA: We also believe that the officers'  
15 post-stop conduct goes to impeach the basis for the -- that the  
16 officers is giving for the stop itself.

17 THE COURT: Like?

18 MS. BORCHETTA: For example, the officer will issue a  
19 summons after a stop and he would have said the basis for the  
20 stop.

21 THE COURT: That is a statement by the officer.

22 MS. BORCHETTA: Okay.

23 THE COURT: No problem. What I don't want to hear is  
24 at the station house I had I strip search and my parents came  
25 and I was crying or they were crying. That is not my case. Or

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1 then I went to a shrinking for six months. Not interested.  
2 Not a damages case. That is what it is. Just the stop. Any  
3 statements about the stop come in written or oral. Any  
4 statements about the stop from both sides.

5 MS. BORCHETTA: There is also specifically -- with  
6 respect to Deon Dennis, who is one of the named plaintiffs,  
7 there is an issue that the City is arguing a warrant that  
8 was -- that he --

9 THE COURT: I am going to get to that when I see it.

10 MR. CHARNEY: We can reserve it until then.

11 THE COURT: It is coming up.

12 MR. CHARNEY: When it comes up in the context of our  
13 motion, we'll address that.

14 THE COURT: Okay.

15 MR. CHARNEY: Okay.

16 THE COURT: Plaintiffs third motion. Plaintiffs'  
17 failure to identify John Doe officers to prevent introduction  
18 of trial the testimony regarding these stops at trial. The  
19 short answer: That is just wrong. That's just wrong. The  
20 City is quite right you cannot proceed against the John Doe  
21 officer. All the John Doe officers are dismissed if you  
22 haven't identified them. That's easy. I am not going to  
23 preclude the plaintiff from talking about it. It is  
24 credibility. It may go to the credibility of the plaintiff  
25 that they can't give a date or time. I can't blame the

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1 plaintiffs if the officers cannot be identified because the  
2 officer didn't prepare a UF-250. A lot of time they failed to  
3 fill it out from what I have learned. There is a problem, a  
4 continuing problem. That is the short ruling. They can  
5 testify, but the John Doe officers are dismissed. The City put  
6 in case law correctly so that all of them are dismissed. You  
7 cannot proceed against someone you cannot identify.

8 MS. GROSSMAN: Here is the statement, your Honor, that  
9 these officers supposedly said should not be coming in. If the  
10 plaintiffs are permitted to talk --

11 THE COURT: No. That was all part of this one? I  
12 didn't reread it. Is it part of this one?

13 MS. GROSSMAN: If it isn't part of this one, it is  
14 part of another one. Yes, it is. The last paragraph.

15 THE COURT: Right. It is the last sentence.  
16 "Finally, what any John Doe officer told plaintiff and the  
17 class members during the course of the stop is inadmissible  
18 hearsay."

19 Mr. Charney.

20 MR. CHARNEY: The only thing I will say on that, your  
21 Honor, again I think it is going to have to be done on a  
22 case-by-case basis. There may be some hearsay exceptions that  
23 apply. If an officer says something that is a statement  
24 against interests, they make a racial slur to the person or  
25 they tell them that they stopped for a clearly illegitimate

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1 reason.

2 THE COURT: Give me an example.

3 MR. CHARNEY: If they use a racial slur.

4 THE COURT: The other one.

5 MR. CHARNEY: We stopped you because we didn't like  
6 the way your pants are too baggy or why are you wearing that  
7 baseball cap so low. We think that would be a statement  
8 against interests because it suggests that the basis for the  
9 stop was illegal. So they're essentially admitting that they  
10 committed an illegal stop.

11 THE COURT: Let's read about it 804(b)(3). Let's read  
12 it, a statement against interests. "A statement that a  
13 reasonable person in the declarant's position would have made  
14 only if the person believed it to be true because when made it  
15 was so contrary to the declarant's proprietary or pecuniary  
16 interests or had so great a tendency to invalidate the  
17 declarant's claim against someone or to expose the declarant to  
18 similar criminal liability and is supported by corroborating  
19 circumstances that clearly indicates trustworthiness if it is  
20 offered in a criminal case." So (b) is not required. It is  
21 not required because it is not a criminal case. So it is just  
22 (a). It is not.

23 MR. CHARNEY: The second one.

24 THE COURT: "Or had so great a tendency to invalidate  
25 the declarant's claim against someone else." I guess the claim

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1 against someone else is the stop or the arrest.

2 "Or expose the declarant to civil or criminal  
3 liabilities."

4 MS. GROSSMAN: Your Honor, I think you need to focus  
5 on declarant. There is no declarant here.

6 THE COURT: Of course. Declarant is never here. That  
7 is why it is hearsay. The declarant is never there. When the  
8 declarant is unavailable as a witness.

9 MS. GROSSMAN: This is unidentified person.

10 THE COURT: That makes them unavailable. I am not  
11 sure, but I am not sure the rest of this works anyway. "A  
12 reasonable person in the declarant's position would have made  
13 only if the person believed it to be true because when made it  
14 was this or that or" -- I don't know when to read the or.  
15 Would have made only if the person made it to be true. I would  
16 have to do research into 804(b)(3). I cannot rule on that. I  
17 will look at 804(b)(3) cases.

18 MR. CHARNEY: Again, the thing is this is going to  
19 have to be -- there may be some where this is true. There may  
20 be other cases where there was no statements against interests.

21 THE COURT: I am not sure it is a statement against  
22 interests. I am not deciding that now, but I will do some  
23 quick research on 804(b)(3) and get back to you.

24 MR. CHARNEY: The only one I would mention is the  
25 present sense impression where someone makes a statement at the

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1 time of the incident. I think that may also apply in  
2 certain -- that is 803.

3 THE COURT: Thank you. "Regardless of whether the  
4 declarant is available as a witness, present sense impression  
5 statement describing or explaining an event or condition made  
6 while or immediately after the declarant perceived it." I  
7 don't think it is present sense impression.

8 MR. CHARNEY: Well, your Honor, if a police officer  
9 saw one of the witnesses doing something and then stopped them  
10 and immediately upon stopping them said, "Look, I saw you doing  
11 this," to me that would be a present sense impression. In  
12 other words, something that they are expressing that they just  
13 saw. I just saw you turn down that alleyway and look back or I  
14 just saw you whatever the case may be. They just saw it,  
15 stopped the person and are telling them what they saw. To me  
16 that would be a present sense impression, but obviously your  
17 Honor is --

18 THE COURT: Skeptical.

19 MR. CHARNEY: Yes. Again, these are somewhat  
20 hypothetical.

21 THE COURT: Right. It is similar to what the City  
22 said before when they wanted to keep out any lawsuits. If you  
23 really find one of these that you think is either of these  
24 exceptions, you can tell me what it is.

25 MS. GROSSMAN: Your Honor, just to that point. So I



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1 want to be clear. So we at this point --

2 THE COURT: No burden. No burden is not coming in.  
3 Whatever the officer allegedly said to some plaintiff and it is  
4 a John Doe officer isn't coming in. If Mr. Charney finds one  
5 that he thinks fits, either present sense impression or  
6 statements against interest, he will point it out.

7 MS. GROSSMAN: Very good. Just going backwards to  
8 number one, I just want to make sure that the plaintiffs  
9 identify the lawsuit or substantiated CCRBs they want to use so  
10 we don't burden you with a list and any settlements. We just  
11 want them to notify us and if it is one or two, we can then  
12 respond.

13 THE COURT: Have you gotten discovery of CCRBs and  
14 lawsuits?

15 MR. CHARNEY: We have gotten discovery of the CCRB  
16 complaints related to the stops our clients will be testifying  
17 about. This actually raises an issue which has come up in some  
18 of our depositions and may come up in others, which is the City  
19 has objected to us asking questions about officer discipline or  
20 lawsuits.

21 THE COURT: I can't expect Mr. Charney to do it if he  
22 doesn't have it. For every officer that he has listed as a  
23 witness if this witness list is not finalized yet, for every  
24 single officer the City has the burden of looking at lawsuits  
25 and see if any of them are suspicionless stops and if they

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1 are -- if they are -- let the adversary know.

2 MS. GROSSMAN: Can I have a moment to confer with my  
3 colleague?

4 THE COURT: Sure.

5 MS. GROSSMAN: Your Honor, let me make a correction or  
6 just enhance what Mr. Charney said. When we objected to -- I  
7 am told when we objected at the depositions to these types of  
8 questions, we objected to the extent because it goes beyond the  
9 scope of this case, which is the stops. If there were  
10 unconstitutional stops --

11 THE COURT: Allegedly.

12 MS. GROSSMAN: Allegedly suspicionless stops then the  
13 witness would be allowed to testify. So our view is that we  
14 have --

15 THE COURT: The lawyer has an obligation beyond the  
16 witness's recollection. You need to look at those CCRBs. You  
17 need to investigate the record of that and every officer they  
18 name. Hopefully there are not too many and identify if any are  
19 suspicionless stops.

20 MS. GROSSMAN: Your Honor, when we make those  
21 representations, my understanding is that we do look into their  
22 histories before.

23 THE COURT: I thought you were trusting them to answer  
24 the question were there any complaints against you regarding  
25 suspicionless stops, were there any lawsuits against you

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1 involving suspicionless stops. For every officer listed, you  
2 can look wherever you can look -- disciplinary history, CCRB.

3 MS. GROSSMAN: So we have done that.

4 THE COURT: If you say you have done it, I am not  
5 going to investigate you. I am telling you it is your  
6 obligation. If you said you have done it, it is done.

7 MS. GROSSMAN: So my point is that the plaintiffs have  
8 gotten all the discovery.

9 THE COURT: If they have, they have. I have ruled  
10 before. Now I am explicitly ruling so it is clear on the  
11 record. You need to look or state that you have looked at the  
12 disciplinary history of every officer they list -- CCRBs,  
13 internal discipline, IAB, whatever it is.

14 MR. CHARNEY: OCD.

15 THE COURT: Whatever it is. As long as you told me  
16 you searched that is all I can direct you to do. If you  
17 haven't, you are directed to.

18 Now can we move on?

19 MS. GROSSMAN: I want the plaintiffs to now notify us  
20 what it is that they believe they want to offer.

21 THE COURT: Assuming you are competent that you have  
22 looked at every single officer that they name as a witness and  
23 gone through their disciplinary histories then that is fine.  
24 They have to tell you whether they found anything to use. If  
25 you are confident that the City has done that for every single

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1 person, then you should do it.

2 MS. GROSSMAN: Your Honor, we have to put our papers  
3 in by the 15th, a motion in limine, if we're going to or  
4 provide you with this list and I want to timely respond given  
5 your rulings and dates, the dates that you have set for us, and  
6 I want the plaintiff to give us what we need.

7 THE COURT: They will if they have it. I don't want  
8 to say it for the fourth time. Please be confident that you  
9 have searched each officer's disciplinary history.

10 MR. CHARNEY: Your Honor, I know we're dragging on  
11 with this, but what they have given us with respect to the  
12 defendant officers, they have given us --

13 THE COURT: Every officer witness. Every officer  
14 witness. Every officer witness.

15 Next. This one starts with the word "because." The  
16 fourth one says, Because such testimony constitutes  
17 inadmissible hearsay, the Court should bar plaintiffs and the  
18 class members from testifying about other people's stops."

19 MR. CHARNEY: Your Honor, I can save a lot of time on  
20 this.

21 THE COURT: I already wrote the word "agreed" in the  
22 margin. I knew they were right and you knew they were right.

23 Recordings of precinct roll calls are inadmissible to  
24 support plaintiff's quota theory. That is the fifth motion in  
25 limine. I wrote in the margin, "Required hearing." I need a

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1 hearing. I don't know if they can meet the seven-step  
2 authentication process. You are saying nobody can. I don't  
3 know. Maybe they can. They say they recorded it at a roll  
4 call. They can be questioned, cross-examined, I make a  
5 finding. We have to have a pretrial hearing. That is the  
6 answer to that one. I don't need briefing. I need a hearing.

7 MS. GROSSMAN: Your Honor, can I have a moment?

8 THE COURT: Sure.

9 MS. GROSSMAN: I just want to say that Schoolcraft was  
10 on notice to appear for deposition in the Floyd case and never  
11 showed up.

12 MR. CHARNEY: That is not true, your Honor.

13 MS. GROSSMAN: So now with discovery closed, I don't  
14 know that -- so if he is not willing to appear, then I guess  
15 the issue --

16 THE COURT: Right. If he doesn't appear at the  
17 hearing, then obviously the tapes cannot be authenticated.

18 MR. CHARNEY: Your Honor, I don't want to argue about  
19 this. I don't recall any such notice. What I will say is he  
20 represented by separate counsel. They need to subpoena his  
21 counsel. They can't subpoena us. We don't have any control  
22 over a him. We'll bring him. I am saying in the past he was  
23 notified to appear.

24 THE COURT: I don't deal much in history. It is a  
25 hobby. But in real life I deal with the present and future,

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1 not the past.

2 MR. MOORE: Judge, what about a situation where on the  
3 recording the officer has identified their voice as being on  
4 the recording?

5 THE COURT: That is what I will find out at the  
6 hearing.

7 MR. MOORE: You don't have to go through the process  
8 of bringing in --

9 THE COURT: I do.

10 MR. MOORE: If he hears the recording and says that is  
11 my voice, those are my words --

12 THE COURT: That is what I will do at the hearing.

13 MR. MOORE: I am talking about the officer.

14 THE COURT: Oh, the officer testifying at trial. The  
15 City has called or you called a police officer and you play the  
16 tape for the officer and he says, Yes, that is me.

17 MR. MOORE: That's my voice.

18 MR. CHARNEY: We already did that in their deposition.

19 THE COURT: If they already identified a voice at  
20 deposition, I don't see how you should be precluded from using  
21 it at trial if they already said it was their statement.  
22 Anybody who already acknowledged it was their statement,  
23 admitted to making a prior statement. So you are offering a  
24 statement of a party opponent or witness but still a City  
25 employee. If they have already identified their own voice,

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1 those portions of the tape would come in as their statement.

2 MS. GROSSMAN: I understand that but there are so many  
3 hours' worth of audio tapes that whatever was acknowledged are  
4 other snippets. So that is why I think the hearing may get at  
5 what the issue is.

6 THE COURT: Yes. But since Mr. Charney asked if  
7 somebody acknowledged -- or Mr. Moore -- if someone  
8 acknowledged their own statement that is their prior statement.

9 The next one is number six Lou Rider expert testimony  
10 about police practices.

11 Who is Lou Rider?

12 MR. CHARNEY: Your Honor, we identified Lou Rider in  
13 2009 as one of our police practices experts. He was deposed.  
14 He did an expert report.

15 THE COURT: Who is he?

16 MR. CHARNEY: A former LAPD deputy chief. He spent  
17 more than 20 years in the Los Angeles Police Department. He  
18 has been studying police departments around the country.  
19 Studying their training, their monitoring systems, doing  
20 consultations with them. He wrote a report based on his 49  
21 years in law enforcement using that experience as his basis to  
22 opine --

23 THE COURT: Here is what the City wrote: "Rider  
24 cannot serve as an expert in this case because he is deficient  
25 in all three areas.

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1 "One: He lacks the background vital to ensuring his  
2 opinions are credible, reliable and would assist the  
3 fact-finder.

4 "For his methodology he stated explicitly in his  
5 opinion he did not reference law enforcement accreditation  
6 industry standards."

7 What is that?

8 MS. GROSSMAN: Well, in terms of the training he is  
9 giving opinions about our training, but he never looked at what  
10 is accredited elsewhere and didn't compare our training to  
11 other training. Didn't even know our training is CALEA  
12 certified.

13 THE COURT: How do you spell CALEA?

14 MS. GROSSMAN: It is an acronym, C-A-L-E-A.

15 THE COURT: Thank you.

16 MS. GROSSMAN: And I think obviously you are going  
17 through it in order, but more importantly on the point of Rider  
18 is that he is offering opinions that are not -- that supplant  
19 your role as fact-finder.

20 THE COURT: So far you just said he is not credible,  
21 reliable and lacks the background. Well, that is a surprise  
22 phrase, "lacks the background." Apparently he has 40-some-odd  
23 years of background. "He didn't reference law enforcement  
24 accreditation industry standard." Then it goes on to say, "In  
25 fact, besides from reviewing materials associated with this



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1 case, he does not cite any independent basis for his supposed  
2 knowledge of an expertise in NYPD policies and practices. As  
3 such, he's testimony is patently unhelpful and more critically  
4 usurps the role of the fact-finder."

5 Well, to pause there for a minute, he is not saying he  
6 is an expert in NYPD policies and practices. He says he is an  
7 expert in police practices. He has 40-odd years of being an  
8 expert in policing.

9 Do you folks want to confer?

10 MS. GROSSMAN: Sorry. Yes.

11 THE COURT: He is saying he is an expert in police  
12 practices. He is not saying I grew up and spent 30 years with  
13 NYPD. He is saying I have been a deputy chief of a major urban  
14 police force, I am experienced in police practices and I want  
15 to share my experience and knowledge and expertise of police  
16 practices.

17 Now, you know you can be an expert not only by  
18 training but by experience. These are in the federal rules.  
19 Should I read you the rule? It says experience or training.  
20 So he is clearly a highly experienced senior police officer.

21 MS. GROSSMAN: But I don't know that he has experience  
22 in stop, question and frisk.

23 THE COURT: I assume he does. I didn't read the  
24 report, but I don't know how you can be a high-level urban  
25 policeman in a department and not understand the law of stop,

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1 question and frisk. After all, the law of stop, question and  
2 frisk is not limited to New York. The Supreme Court has  
3 repeatedly written about stop, question and frisk.

4 MR. CHARNEY: Terry was decided into 1968. He retired  
5 in the '80s.

6 MR. MOORE: Also, Judge, he spends a great deal of his  
7 time as trainer.

8 THE COURT: Really?

9 MR. MOORE: For police departments.

10 THE COURT: Since he retired from the active duty at  
11 the LAPD, he became a trainer at other police departments?

12 MR. MOORE: He does that in addition to being an  
13 expert for both plaintiffs and defendants in police cases. It  
14 is not as if he was a police officer 30 years ago --

15 THE COURT: And stopped.

16 MR. MOORE: -- and stopped. He has been doing  
17 training for police departments. I think the City's objections  
18 really go to the weight of his evidence.

19 THE COURT: I think so, too. He sounds qualified to  
20 give an opinion and it is for me to weigh whether that opinion  
21 influences me at all.

22 MS. GROSSMAN: Not on stop, question and frisk, which  
23 is what this case is about.

24 THE COURT: How can you do a police training without  
25 talking about what it takes to stop someone, what it takes to

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1 arrest someone, reasonable suspicion.

2 MS. GROSSMAN: That is what he testified to at his  
3 deposition, that he did not provide training, had not trained  
4 on stop, question and frisk.

5 MR. CHARNEY: Can I respond?

6 THE COURT: Of course.

7 MR. CHARNEY: What the City always seems to leave out  
8 when we start talking about this training issue is supervision,  
9 monitoring, discipline, which are also our Monell claims, and  
10 he has extensive experience in how officers are supervised --

11 THE COURT: If he is going to give me an opinion as to  
12 when it is appropriate to stop someone, question someone and  
13 frisk someone, I don't need it. I have been reading these  
14 cases for months now.

15 MR. CHARNEY: He is going to talk about how there are  
16 supervisory mechanisms, there are monitoring mechanisms.

17 THE COURT: Well, he is not going to teach me the law.

18 MR. CHARNEY: No. Sorry for raising my voice. He is  
19 going to talk about based on his 49 years of experience why in  
20 his opinion the way they supervise oversee what officers do is  
21 insufficient. That is what he is going to testify about. Even  
22 if he was an expert in the Fourth Amendment, he couldn't -- you  
23 are more of an expert than he is so he couldn't offer you an  
24 opinion on that.

25 THE COURT: Well, he is going to be talking about how

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1 a police department should supervisor or monitor officers in  
2 the field or discipline officers. I haven't read this report,  
3 but that is what I am told is the subject. So I find based on  
4 this conversation certainly he is qualified to testify as an  
5 expert to these practices. He may be qualified to testify  
6 about how large urban police departments should supervise. I  
7 feel I will be able to sustain objections to questions as they  
8 come up. The guy should come in, start talking. When he  
9 strays from the area I think he should testify about or what  
10 you think he should testify about, I am sure I will be able to  
11 deal with it just fine then and there.

12 MS. GROSSMAN: Well, what about if we can move in  
13 limine not on the qualifications but of the substance of his  
14 opinion. For example, we know no training so we will not touch  
15 that subject.

16 THE COURT: I didn't really understand that. I think  
17 he is going to talk about the proper way to train in general.

18 MR. CHARNEY: Yes.

19 THE COURT: Such as role playing, written materials,  
20 do you train refresher courses. I thought it was going to be a  
21 generality this is the right way to train.

22 MR. CHARNEY: Exactly.

23 THE COURT: Such role playing, videos, refresher.

24 MS. GROSSMAN: That is not in his report, your Honor.

25 THE COURT: I haven't seen the report. My problem in

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1 a nonjury trial is if I read the report and pass on the  
2 exclusion, I have read the whole report. It is really better  
3 to come in and then have you object to questions and I can  
4 sustain it and never hear. If I read the report cover to cover  
5 now, too bad. I read it and I can't get it out of my brain. I  
6 thought about this yesterday to make this ruling on exclusion,  
7 but then I realized I would read the whole report. He will be  
8 here, you will object to a particular question and I will have  
9 rule one by one. I don't have any choices left. If it was a  
10 jury trial of course I would read the report.

11 MS. GROSSMAN: Right.

12 THE COURT: Really it doesn't make a lot of sense to  
13 do that because then I would know everything that he says. I  
14 rather say he is qualified to give opinions but certain  
15 opinions may be inappropriate. It is also well established  
16 that an expert cannot testify outside of the four corners of  
17 the report. I am a great believer in that. If you object and  
18 you say, "That is nowhere in his report," I will say to the  
19 plaintiffs, "Show me the page." If it is not there, it is not  
20 there.

21 MR. CHARNEY: That's absolutely fair, your Honor.

22 THE COURT: He is limited to the four corners of his  
23 report. He cannot give an opinion on anything that is not in  
24 the report. I rule that in every trial.

25 Now, Eli Silverman should be precluded from offering

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1 survey evidence on hearsay grounds and he starts out by telling  
2 me he is a professor at of John Jay College and he is going to  
3 opine on two surveys he performed, and I am quoting, "That  
4 query a fraction of retired NYPD officers regarding perceived  
5 pressure that officers felt and supervised to increase stop and  
6 frisk activity." Page 8 of the City's letter.

7 I wrote some notes here and I said, "What fraction?"  
8 You said a fraction. What fraction did he talk to? How did he  
9 select who to talk to? How will I know it is not selection  
10 bias. We usually deal with surveys and intellectual cases and  
11 all the judges become expert on handbags and shoes and jewelry  
12 and all the things I am not interested in, but I know there are  
13 a lot of issues. Bias, selection, percentages. How did he do  
14 this?

15 MR. CHARNEY: I don't know if I can explain it as well  
16 as the surveys themselves, which lay it out very specifically.  
17 These surveys were mailed to several thousand recently retired  
18 NYPD employees of different rank.

19 THE COURT: How were they selected?

20 MR. CHARNEY: A list was given to them from the unions  
21 and they literally mailed them to everybody.

22 THE COURT: No selection. So they took all the people  
23 retired, let's say, '07 and '08 and mailed it to all of them?

24 MR. CHARNEY: It was a wider time period.

25 THE COURT: Everybody who retired in certain years?

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1 MR. CHARNEY: Yes.

2 THE COURT: So no selection?

3 MR. CHARNEY: Of course not everybody returned them.

4 THE COURT: Of course. There is a lot of scholarship  
5 about response rates.

6 MR. CHARNEY: And they were anonymously returned so  
7 they didn't know which officer was returning them.

8 THE COURT: Right. Do we know what the response rate  
9 was of the 10,000 mailed? For example --

10 MR. CHARNEY: I believe--

11 THE COURT: Mr. Charney, will you let me finish each  
12 sentence. Of the 10,000 mail were 2,000 returned? Or of the  
13 5,000 mailed were 1,000 returned? Do you know the response  
14 rate?

15 MR. CHARNEY: On the second survey, which is the 2012  
16 survey, I believe there were 5,000 roughly mailed out and I  
17 think something like 1900.

18 THE COURT: That's 40 percent. Close to 40 percent.

19 MR. CHARNEY: I think so.

20 THE COURT: That's a high response rate. What about  
21 the other survey?

22 MR. CHARNEY: That confess I don't recall right now.

23 THE COURT: That is something I have to understand is  
24 who this was mailed to, was there any selection, and the answer  
25 seems to be no. What is the response rate, and one you might

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1 know is around 40 percent and the other one you don't know. So  
2 that was helpful.

3 The next problem is that the City says --

4 MS. GROSSMAN: Your Honor, on that point.

5 THE COURT: On what point?

6 MS. GROSSMAN: On the issue about the 5,000 --

7 THE COURT: His memory, which could be wrong, was  
8 5,000 were mailed and 1900 were returned.

9 MS. GROSSMAN: There are more than 5,000 officers  
10 retired.

11 THE COURT: In what year?

12 MR. CHARNEY: This was from the period 2002 to the  
13 present I believe for the second survey.

14 THE COURT: On the second survey, she is saying that  
15 in 2002 to 2012 -- Mr. Moore, I cannot work this way.

16 MR. MOORE: Sorry.

17 THE COURT: You are saying 2002 to 2012, a 10-year  
18 period?

19 MR. CHARNEY: I believe so.

20 THE COURT: What Ms. Grossman is questioning is in 10  
21 years there were only 5,000 retirements.

22 MR. CHARNEY: I confess I wouldn't know that because I  
23 don't work for the police department.

24 THE COURT: We need Mr. Silverman to come in for a  
25 brief hearing also and explain how many mailings, response



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1 rates.

2 The next problem is doesn't it say that the plaintiffs  
3 assure the defendants Silverman would not be called as an  
4 expert at trial?

5 MR. CHARNEY: Yes.

6 THE COURT: So he wasn't deposed.

7 MS. GROSSMAN: Right. That is what we objected to the  
8 last time they notified us and this is the result of your  
9 suggestion that we move in limine.

10 THE COURT: Did you assure them that he wouldn't be a  
11 witness?

12 MS. GROSSMAN: An expert.

13 MR. CHARNEY: That is not true. He is not an expert,  
14 your Honor.

15 THE COURT: He isn't an expert --

16 MR. CHARNEY: No, your Honor.

17 THE COURT: He is not an expert in surveys.

18 MR. CHARNEY: He is an expert in surveys.

19 THE COURT: He is offering a survey.

20 MR. CHARNEY: On November 16th we came here. They  
21 raised this issue on November 16th. Professor Silverman  
22 completely on his own without any involvement --

23 THE COURT: I understand he is not retained. I get  
24 that. If he is going to --

25 MR. CHARNEY: But --

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1 THE COURT: Mr. Charney, if he is going to proffer a  
2 survey and defend the survey and the techniques of doing the  
3 survey, then to me he is an expert in conducting surveys and  
4 should be prepared to defend both to the defense counsel and  
5 then to the Court the survey technique, how it was conducted,  
6 response rates, writing of the questions, are the questions  
7 biased, are they open or closed. I learned all these things  
8 from shoes and handbag cases that I have had to do. So that is  
9 what he has to defend. I understand you didn't retain him. I  
10 understand is he not a retained expert. I got that. However,  
11 if you wish to offer these surveys, he has to defend his  
12 techniques of doing the survey.

13 MR. CHARNEY: Of course.

14 THE COURT: He has to be deposed.

15 MR. CHARNEY: We never objected to that. Your Honor,  
16 we disclosed him on our witness list. It was with the  
17 understanding that the recently disclosed witness who were  
18 deposed at the end of fact discovery --

19 THE COURT: Would be deposed. Why don't you depose  
20 Silverman about how he did these surveys. He wasn't retained  
21 by plaintiff. He didn't do it at their behest. He did them  
22 independently for some other research purpose or scholarly  
23 purpose. Depose him and then you may have more objections or  
24 less. I don't know any of the facts about how he did the  
25 survey. I am looking for selection, bias, leading questions,

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1 response rates. We'll have to find out more about what he did.

2 MR. CHARNEY: So, your Honor, in light of that, which  
3 I think is a much more efficient way to proceed, do we need to  
4 have a separate hearing?

5 THE COURT: Maybe not. After they get a full  
6 opportunity to depose him, they will know more about their  
7 objections if any. I have no idea what he is going to say. I  
8 thought there was selection, a lower response rate. I don't  
9 know how the questions were phrased. I don't know anything.

10 MS. GROSSMAN: Well, that is why I was somewhat  
11 outraged at the last conference that the plaintiffs are first  
12 identifying this person at this late date and we're in this  
13 position with a trial right around the corner. It is not  
14 right.

15 THE COURT: Two months, but okay.

16 MS. GROSSMAN: It is not right given all we have to do  
17 that this is tantamount to -- this is like an expert. I know  
18 they didn't retain him, but we're treating him now like an  
19 expert. There was no notice to us at any time --

20 THE COURT: I don't think you need him for a report.  
21 There is a survey. You have that.

22 MS. GROSSMAN: We have a blank copy. I don't know  
23 that we have the whole survey.

24 THE COURT: Stop. Stop. You don't know what the  
25 results of his survey were?

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1 MS. GROSSMAN: We have an article. We don't have the  
2 backup.

3 THE COURT: You do have the article that is the result  
4 of his survey, is that it?

5 MS. GROSSMAN: A short article. The article doesn't  
6 give the details. Maybe you can look at it.

7 THE COURT: Here we go again, it's nonjury trial.

8 MS. GROSSMAN: Either way the work that is involved in  
9 having to attack this witness with all that we have to do, we  
10 may need to get our own expert to deal with this.

11 THE COURT: Yes, to attack the survey.

12 MS. GROSSMAN: Yes. To put us in this position, this  
13 is not a year ago.

14 THE COURT: When did you first mention the Silverman  
15 survey?

16 MR. CHARNEY: In February of 2011, your Honor. His  
17 survey was an exhibit to our summary judgment.

18 THE COURT: You had two years before the trial.

19 MS. GROSSMAN: Your Honor, it was referred to  
20 generally in a summary judgment motion after discovery was  
21 closed.

22 MR. CHARNEY: It was an exhibit.

23 THE COURT: An exhibit?

24 MS. GROSSMAN: So do you think that every article that  
25 the plaintiffs attached as an exhibit and that we attached now

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1 becomes the subject of expert testimony?

2 THE COURT: No. I think it becomes a possible trial  
3 exhibit. You were on notice of these exhibits.

4 MS. GROSSMAN: The 2012 survey hadn't occurred when  
5 they made the summary judgment motion. Why should we deal with  
6 that?

7 MR. CHARNEY: That is more relevant because it is even  
8 more recently retained officers. How can we be at fault for  
9 not disclosing it during discovery? We had no control over  
10 this witness.

11 MS. GROSSMAN: Now we're not learning about this  
12 until -- if it came out August 2012, we're learning about it  
13 just recently. That is not right.

14 THE COURT: Did you say November?

15 MR. CHARNEY: November.

16 MS. GROSSMAN: Your Honor, I really highly respect  
17 your rules. When you say discovery is closed and no more, no  
18 more, no more I respect that and I follow that. But if gets to  
19 the point where the plaintiffs just give -- they continuously  
20 put -- notify us of new witnesses years after discovery.

21 THE COURT: Silverman is not a new witness. The 2012  
22 survey is new. It wasn't completed until August. It was an  
23 exhibit in the summary judgment in 2011. That is when you  
24 first heard of Silverman. That is when you heard of this  
25 survey. I assume it was a similar technique. He sent the

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1 survey to retired officers and he got results.

2 What year was that one conducted?

3 MR. CHARNEY: In 2010.

4 THE COURT: He did this in 2010. They used it in  
5 2011. You knew about his surveys. You didn't know about the  
6 August 2012 because he didn't complete it until August. When  
7 they knew about it, they told you about it and we've been  
8 discussing it ever since.

9 MR. MOORE: Plus, Judge, the NYPD has known about  
10 these surveys, they have read them and they have analyzed them  
11 within NYPD. Maybe Corporation Counsel hasn't done this. This  
12 is not fair to say it is a big surprise. In fact, his  
13 co-author on one of the reports is a retired captain in the  
14 NYPD who was involved at some point with the issue of stop and  
15 frisk. So this is not news to them.

16 MS. GROSSMAN: Well, we're looking to move in limine.

17 THE COURT: I think you will be better off taking his  
18 deposition and finding out what he has to say. Again, I am in  
19 a difficult position if I read the article I know what he has  
20 to say. You may yet be able to preclude him when you take the  
21 deposition. There may be things that you find out that are  
22 troubling in terms of survey technique that will be stricken  
23 anyhow.

24 MS. GROSSMAN: Your Honor --

25 THE COURT: There is a lot of literature on surveys.

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1 MS. GROSSMAN: Well, we need time to give some thought  
2 on that.

3 THE COURT: You can have all the extra time you need  
4 on this survey guy because it is in an area that we haven't  
5 worked in. So this one will be exempt from the time limit.

6 MS. GROSSMAN: And we need all the backups now that  
7 supports all of those surveys and we don't have them. I would  
8 like them tomorrow. I know it is Friday, but if they are  
9 looking to pull these witnesses --

10 THE COURT: I wouldn't say these witnesses. It is  
11 just this witness. I don't know if you can contact this guy.  
12 I guess you are in contact with him.

13 MR. CHARNEY: Yeah.

14 THE COURT: Does he have the return surveys?

15 MR. CHARNEY: I can inquire and get back to the City.

16 THE COURT: As soon as you can. He is a professor. I  
17 assume he has all the backup. I would think he has it in one  
18 file, electronic or hard copy.

19 MS. GROSSMAN: We need a date certain.

20 THE COURT: Do you have the blank form? Do you know  
21 the questions that were asked?

22 MR. CHARNEY: Yes.

23 THE COURT: He must have backup. He has had to have  
24 kept it. He is a professor. It has to be photocopied and  
25 shipped out.

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1 MS. GROSSMAN: And any electronic data.

2 THE COURT: I agree.

3 MS. GROSSMAN: I don't want to get something and  
4 determine that it is not right.

5 THE COURT: Ms. Grossman, I agree with you. They have  
6 to contact him and get what he has and turn it over.

7 MS. GROSSMAN: Well, I guess --

8 THE COURT: You don't have a time limit on that  
9 motion. You can make it the last week for all I care.

10 MS. GROSSMAN: Can we have a date certain that the  
11 plaintiffs will get back to us?

12 THE COURT: What if he is on an African safari? Mr.  
13 Charney --

14 MR. CHARNEY: I will advise him by the end of the day  
15 on Monday.

16 THE COURT: Right. By the end of the day Monday  
17 advise us if Silverman can get this copied or you might find he  
18 is out of the country and you can't find him. You can e-mail  
19 him. Let's see where he is.

20 Number eight, "Because they are both hearsay and  
21 outdated, the Court should not admit plaintiffs' various  
22 reports."

23 There seems like there are two reports. One is a  
24 report from the New York Civil Liberties Union and Advocacy  
25 Group. One is the 1999 AG report. The City opposes both, but



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1 I don't know what the basis is for the New York City Liberties  
2 report. How could that come up? Under what exception is that?

3 MR. CHARNEY: We're not going to submit it for the  
4 truth. We're not submit on the issue of notice relevant to  
5 deliberate indifference. In 2006 when the report was  
6 published, we say that was putting the city on notice that  
7 there may be potentially be problems with their civilian  
8 complaint investigation process. Similarly the AG's report,  
9 which I think you are more familiar with, was a study of their  
10 stop and frisk practices, a statistical study done by the same  
11 person who is going to be testifying in this case for the  
12 plaintiffs.

13 THE COURT: Who is that?

14 MR. CHARNEY: Jeffrey Fagan.

15 THE COURT: Oh, him.

16 MR. CHARNEY: So it is our view that the City has been  
17 on notice for now more than a decade that there were problems  
18 with their stop and frisk.

19 THE COURT: With both reports neither is offered for  
20 the truth but to say that the City had notice and if they had  
21 notice and didn't do anything about it, it would be deliberate  
22 indifference?

23 MR. CHARNEY: Yes.

24 THE COURT: Ms. Grossman.

25 MS. GROSSMAN: Well, I don't know. An advocacy group

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1 on the NYCLU putting their own spin on civilian complaints. I  
2 don't see how --

3 THE COURT: All they are saying is it is not offered  
4 for its truth. I don't read it and say, Oh, my goodness, look  
5 at these terrible goings on. I say, Oh, the NYPD received it.  
6 To the extent that they thought it was credible, they should  
7 have acted. If they thought it was pure fiction, they didn't  
8 act on it.

9 MS. GROSSMAN: I don't know that they received it. If  
10 the NYCLU posts something on their website --

11 THE COURT: I don't know how they prove it was  
12 "received" by NYPD or the higher-ups in the City. I would have  
13 thought that it would have been mailed to the police  
14 commissioner.

15 MR. MOORE: I am sure it was.

16 THE COURT: Can you prove it?

17 MR. MOORE: I can bring in Chris Dennon.

18 THE COURT: Find out. If it can be proved that it was  
19 indeed mailed to the police commissioner, which I think it  
20 would be. You don't write a report like that to not send it to  
21 the police department. You want them to take action. You say,  
22 You should know these are our findings. He is saying he is not  
23 offering it did for me to believe those findings. It is simply  
24 to say this landed on the police commissioner's desk and the  
25 police commissioner did nothing to address the problem. The

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1 City can say, We thought this report was junk. We didn't  
2 credit it. We read it. We didn't think it was accurate. So  
3 we didn't address it. That's fine. That may be your position.  
4 I as the fact finder would have to weigh all that. All they  
5 want to do is say, The City higher-ups in the police department  
6 received this thing and didn't do anything about it. That's  
7 all.

8 MR. MOORE: Is an affidavit sufficient from someone in  
9 the NYPD.

10 THE COURT: Sure.

11 MS. GROSSMAN: Well, this is the way on a trial we're  
12 going to accept an affidavit from someone?

13 THE COURT: Just that he mailed it to the police  
14 department. You want to put him under oath. If he said he  
15 sent it, he sent it. I trust you, Ms. Grossman, in all or  
16 representations. If Mr. Dunn says, We forwarded it to the  
17 chief the police or mayor, whatever he says, he says. I have  
18 no reason to doubt that. Just like if you said, We put a memo  
19 out to all of our ACCs once a year saying X, Y, X, I would  
20 believe you.

21 MS. GROSSMAN: Can we have a moment, your Honor?

22 THE COURT: Sure.

23 (Pause)

24 THE COURT: Are you going to make the same argument  
25 with respect to the newspapers?

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1 MR. CHARNEY: Yes. What we're going to do with that  
2 is not even for notice. It is to refresh witness's  
3 recollection about certain events that are discussed in the  
4 article. We are not trying to put them in of course for the  
5 truth.

6 MS. GROSSMAN: Well, I understand your ruling on the  
7 NYCLU. On the AG report, it is an old report. It is from  
8 1999. Methodologies have changed. Even Professor Fagan  
9 testified to that.

10 THE COURT: All he said again was this report was  
11 sent. They knew at least according to the AG's office there  
12 was a problem and they didn't address it. That is the only  
13 argument.

14 MS. GROSSMAN: I understand. Notice as of when?

15 THE COURT: Whenever that was sent.

16 MS. GROSSMAN: 1990.

17 THE COURT: They are trying to prove this is a long  
18 running --

19 MS. GROSSMAN: Your Honor, we had the Daniel case --

20 THE COURT: I have to address a footnote in some pages  
21 back. I saw a footnote at page 3. Footnote 3, page 3: "Stops  
22 before 2004, which fall outside the statute of limitations and  
23 class period should not be considered." I wrote in the margin,  
24 "Wrong." Statute of limitations control causes of action.  
25 Nobody can sue outside the statute of limitations. It is too

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1 late to sue. You cannot recover damages, can't bring a  
2 lawsuit. But evidence is not limited. You are talking about  
3 pattern and practice. It can go back 20 years, 30 years when  
4 you look at discrimination cases, pay cases. There is no claim  
5 left because the statute has run, but you can go back as long  
6 as you have to go back to prove the pattern and practice. I  
7 don't know if that is to say where you are going now, but I  
8 would allow evidence of stops. There is no claim for it. You  
9 were saying something else about 1999 and this report.

10 MS. GROSSMAN: Right. You are aware of the Daniels  
11 case and there was a settlement. We know that that settlement  
12 predates -- there was a period of time where the police  
13 department agreed to do certain things and that sunset at a  
14 certain time.

15 THE COURT: That --

16 MS. GROSSMAN: That agreement sunset. The information  
17 that is part of the AG's report predates these --

18 THE COURT: Isn't that your response to it, that we  
19 didn't ignore it at all, that we got it, we did take action and  
20 we made certain accommodations or responses to receiving that  
21 report by settling the Daniels case. We agreed, for example,  
22 to allow these forms for every stop. It doesn't prove  
23 deliberate indifference. Quite the contrary, we got it, we  
24 acted, we did what was right. That will be the end of 1999  
25 report. It is all part of the trial record. You have an

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1 answer. Indeed, you did respond and it is not deliberate  
2 indifference or at least that doesn't prove it.

3 MS. GROSSMAN: Right. So there comes a time where  
4 every little piece of evidence shouldn't come into evidence at  
5 this trial when you want to talk about efficiency, economy of  
6 time.

7 THE COURT: There is no time. The report is received.  
8 That is all they point out and that the report in summary says  
9 there is a problem with stop and frisk. You come back and say,  
10 Yes, indeed, and we settled the Daniels lawsuit. We acted and  
11 we did take it seriously. That can't prove deliberate  
12 indifference. That will take two and a half minutes of the  
13 trial.

14 MR. CHARNEY: Your Honor, we would then ask certain  
15 NYPD officials what their responses were.

16 THE COURT: Of course. Some of them may have very  
17 strong answers that they did take it seriously, they did  
18 respond, changed the training, gave notices, filled out the  
19 UF-250s. They may make a case there was anything but  
20 deliberate indifference.

21 MR. MOORE: Can I have a moment, Judge?

22 THE COURT: Sure.

23 MR. MOORE: Judge, there is also the issue in order  
24 to -- the issue of stop and frisk didn't arise in a vacuum.  
25 You can take it back to 1999 with the Diallo thing. And then

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1 there was an AG report. The response to that may in fact have  
2 been evidence that they weren't deliberately indifferent. The  
3 response to the AG report may be that they were.

4 THE COURT: That is right. That is something that I  
5 will have to decide. I am not prejudging. I was giving the  
6 City the script, their side of it that they did respond and you  
7 will say they didn't. I will eventually decide whether the  
8 plaintiffs have succeeded in proving deliberate indifference.

9 MS. GROSSMAN: Right.

10 MR. MOORE: Excuse me. I wasn't finished.

11 One of the things that -- one of the aspects of this  
12 development was that it's the plaintiffs' allegations that they  
13 didn't live up to the terms of Daniel's settlement. In order  
14 for this to have any meaning contextually, you have to tell the  
15 story from when it began.

16 THE COURT: Yes. I am not disagreeing with you. I  
17 was telling the City why it is not inefficient. It is not  
18 taking a lot of time. It is what it is. Here are the  
19 documents that the New York Police Department received such as  
20 this AG report, Civil Liberties report or New York Times. It  
21 is just saying here is what they received. How seriously did  
22 they treat it? What was their response? What did they do or  
23 not do? That's all. It is not a matter of the truth of  
24 anything in either report at this point. It is only to say the  
25 City was alerted to an issue. I wouldn't call it a problem.

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1 They were alerted to an issue and then they responded as they  
2 responded. I have to evaluate in the end whether it was  
3 deliberate indifference or not deliberate indifference.

4 Then we get to the Rand report, which the City does  
5 want to admit to counteract the other evidence of deliberate  
6 indifference. Again, they say they are not offering it for its  
7 truth either but rather to show that the City did evaluate its  
8 stop, question and frisk practices to disprove deliberate  
9 indifference. So it does sound a little goose and gander. If  
10 these other reports are brought in to show notice of an issue  
11 or problem and what was done and not done and the Rand report  
12 not offered for its truth is brought in to show some actions  
13 that were taken to disprove deliberate indifferent.

14 MR. CHARNEY: Your Honor, a question I would have and  
15 this might help us narrow this even further is it is unclear  
16 from the City's letter when they say they are going to use it  
17 on this deliberate indifference issue, how they are going to  
18 use it. Are they merely going to say the fact that we hired  
19 Rand to do a study shows that we weren't deliberately  
20 indifferent? Or are they going to say the findings of that  
21 study gave us a basis to think we did not have the problem. If  
22 it is the latter, then we would ask that Professor Fagan who  
23 has already done a critique of the Rand report and produced  
24 that critique to the City should have the opportunity to then  
25 rebut those findings if in fact what they are trying to find is



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1 the substance of the findings in the report were enough of a  
2 basis for us to say we don't have to make any changes.

3 THE COURT: That goes to their state of mind. In  
4 other words, without my believing in the accuracy of the Rand  
5 report, let's say, I don't know whether it is accurate or not,  
6 if that is true, then in my mind it could be accurate or not  
7 accurate. It doesn't matter what I think. What they are  
8 saying is we believed it was accurate. We believed it so we  
9 didn't think we have to do more.

10 MR. CHARNEY: If that is the issue, we should have the  
11 opportunity to show that their belief was not reasonable.

12 THE COURT: Right. Not to prove to me that the  
13 conclusions of Rand were right or not right because that is not  
14 the issue of why it is being offered. They are saying they  
15 reasonably believed it and thought they cured a problem. If  
16 you show their belief was not reasonable because the study was  
17 so flawed that any higher ranking official should have known  
18 that, then I would find their belief not reasonable.

19 MR. CHARNEY: I guess the question is: If they are  
20 trying to use it to show they had a reasonable belief, we  
21 should have the opportunity to --

22 THE COURT: To show that belief was not reasonable.  
23 That makes sense.

24 MS. GROSSMAN: Well, your Honor, I don't know that  
25 plaintiffs had the Rand report and they even made commentaries

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1 in the Fagan report. So whatever is in the four corners of his  
2 report --

3 THE COURT: Correct. That is what Mr. Charney just  
4 said.

5 MS. GROSSMAN: Likewise, the professor should be able  
6 to say the same thing.

7 THE COURT: Is it Dr. Smith and Mr. Fagan?

8 MR. CHARNEY: I think they are both Ph.D's.

9 MR. MOORE: One second, Judge?

10 THE COURT: Yes.

11 (Pause)

12 MR. MOORE: I can understand how the Rand report would  
13 in the mind of policymakers of the police department arguably  
14 say there is not a problem so therefore we're not deliberately  
15 indifferent.

16 THE COURT: Right.

17 MR. MOORE: But Ms. Grossman just referred to  
18 Dr. Smith and Professor Smith referring to the Rand report.

19 THE COURT: Only to rebut Dr. Fagan's testimony that  
20 no reasonable person relied. Fagan comes back and said, I  
21 think it is quite reasonable for the police commissioner to  
22 have relied.

23 MR. MOORE: That bootstraps the Rand report.

24 THE COURT: What can I do about that? If Fagan is  
25 allowed to say, No one should reasonably rely, surely their

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1 expert can say the opposite.

2 MR. MOORE: Well, he is not going to say that if it is  
3 not part of the case. They will be introducing the Rand  
4 report.

5 THE COURT: Correct.

6 MR. MOORE: As a piece of evidence.

7 THE COURT: Offered only to show that there was a  
8 basis for the police department to believe that they solved a  
9 problem and didn't have a problem and therefore their behavior  
10 was no longer, if it ever was, deliberately indifferent. Mr.  
11 Charney says, If that is the purpose for offering it, I want my  
12 expert to say no reasonable police commissioner could have  
13 relied on this flawed report. Smith comes back and says, I  
14 totally disagree. It was perfectly reasonable. He relied  
15 personally on the methodology and conclusions. It makes a lot  
16 of sense. The finding was for the police commissioner to  
17 believe so.

18 MR. MOORE: You recall there was all this discussion  
19 early on in the case about being able to depose the people.

20 THE COURT: Right.

21 MR. MOORE: We were unable to do that.

22 THE COURT: Correct. And they are not coming in here.  
23 It is not offered for the truth.

24 MR. MOORE: So Dr. Smith cannot rely on it for the  
25 truth.

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1 THE COURT: Of course not. He is going to rebut  
2 Dr. Fagan and say, I think the police commissioner's reliance  
3 was reasonable.

4 MR. MOORE: We'll see how it plays out.

5 THE COURT: Fine. The other letter, the plaintiff's  
6 letter. Number one, "Plaintiff's trial questioning of NYPD and  
7 CCRB employee witnesses." They want to be able to ask leading  
8 questions when current and former NYPD and CCRB employees who  
9 they call as trial witnesses who are obviously under the  
10 control or closely aligned with the defense and thereby are  
11 considered hostile witnesses. I have no problem with leading  
12 questions. Again, this is a nonjury trial. I don't care  
13 whether it is nonleading or leading. I will get it. That is  
14 what it is.

15 MS. GROSSMAN: Your Honor, I understand. I just want  
16 to note that in this the Newton case for example you ruled  
17 opposite.

18 THE COURT: It was a jury trial. It was a jury trial  
19 is all I can say.

20 MS. GROSSMAN: I think the rules --

21 THE COURT: Do you know what ruling you are referring  
22 to?

23 MS. GROSSMAN: September 21st, 2010. It's on page 23.

24 THE COURT: Of the trial transcript?

25 MS. GROSSMAN: The motion in limine ruling.

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1 THE COURT: The plaintiff wanted to lead?

2 MS. GROSSMAN: To treat all City witnesses as adverse  
3 and your ruling was that for the defendants if they are called  
4 as witnesses, yes. But if other witnesses who are City  
5 employees, you don't necessarily know they are adverse or  
6 hostile and I am not going to rule on it at this point in time.  
7 You reserved until the trial.

8 THE COURT: I have no problem here. This is a case  
9 about police practices against the whole police department and  
10 the way it does business in the stop and frisk area. It seems  
11 to me a lot different.

12 MS. GROSSMAN: They are investigating civilian  
13 complaints.

14 THE COURT: Yes. Why would you lead the CCRB people?  
15 Just ask them what you have to ask them. I can see a former  
16 police officer or current police officer.

17 MR. CHARNEY: To the extent that we're challenging the  
18 sufficiency of their system, their ability to hold officers  
19 accountable, it seems they would be adverse to our questions.

20 THE COURT: Well, maybe not. Who is on the CCRB these  
21 days?

22 MR. CHARNEY: Executive director.

23 THE COURT: I know. Who appoints them?

24 MR. MOORE: The City.

25 MR. CHARNEY: It is a mayoral agency. It is under the

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1 mayor's jurisdiction. It is independent from the police  
2 department but not from the mayor.

3 THE COURT: Right. I don't think you should lead the  
4 CCRB witnesses. Just ask them the usual questions that you ask  
5 on direct. Don't lead them. Now we are --

6 MR. CHARNEY: Your Honor -- I am so sorry. I am so  
7 sorry the only other thing we said in the last sentence of that  
8 section of our letter, we just ask that for all these City  
9 witnesses that the defendants use their best efforts to make  
10 them available.

11 THE COURT: Certainly current police officers. That's  
12 for sure. As far as former, they may have to give you last --

13 MR. CHARNEY: Yes.

14 THE COURT: -- known addresses for subpoenas. As far  
15 as CCRB if they are current and therefore employed by the City  
16 of New York, the City should try to accommodate you.

17 MS. GROSSMAN: Your Honor, we've always accommodated  
18 whenever we can. This is not a one-week trial. And the  
19 plaintiffs are doing something -- it's their prerogative, but  
20 they are calling they're our witnesses in their case in chief.

21 THE COURT: That's very common. I have that in every  
22 trial.

23 MS. GROSSMAN: Four to six weeks of a trial, I need to  
24 know ahead of time.

25 THE COURT: I agree.

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1 MS. GROSSMAN: Not the week before. I need to be able  
2 to plan with enough notice to get people set up.

3 THE COURT: That would be good.

4 MS. GROSSMAN: So I just think that in terms of  
5 logistics the sooner the better.

6 THE COURT: I agree.

7 MS. GROSSMAN: We can make a proposal when we think we  
8 need them.

9 THE COURT: Number two says, "The Rand report and  
10 testimony about the Rand report."

11 Have we done this?

12 MR. CHARNEY: I think we resolved this one.

13 THE COURT: Number three, "Evidence of the purported  
14 crime control effects of stops and frisks."

15 I wrote one word in the margin. I agree with  
16 plaintiffs on this.

17 MS. GROSSMAN: Your Honor, let me just remind you.

18 THE COURT: Go ahead and remind me, but I know my  
19 views on this. I am not here to judge the effectiveness of  
20 policy. I am here only to deal with Constitution. That is  
21 what a federal court can do.

22 MS. GROSSMAN: Right. I understand that. In your  
23 ruling, the Daulbert ruling regarding Professor Smith, you  
24 specifically says in your opinion and order of August 17th,  
25 2012, page 20, "Neither expert will be permitted to speculate

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1 about the intent of the NYPD policymakers or the efficacy of  
2 those policies. Although, defendants and their representatives  
3 may testify as to their intent."

4 On page 16 you also said, referring to the reduced  
5 neighborhood crime, "While Smith is not qualified to provide  
6 this testimony, both in their court filings and public comments  
7 defendants regularly state that the intent behind the program  
8 is to reduce crime, not to the discriminate. Defendants and  
9 their reps may testify about what the City adopted and  
10 understood the stop, question and frisk program."

11 THE COURT: If I said that then I say it again, but  
12 they have not prove the effectiveness. The reason we do this  
13 is to reduce crime. Don't give me the statistics on the  
14 homicide rate or burglaries or robberies or subway pushings on  
15 the tracks or anything else. I cannot deal with the  
16 effectiveness. My sole role is the Constitution. Does it  
17 violate the Fourth Amendment or not?

18 MR. CHARNEY: We'll not stipulate to that.

19 THE COURT: I can't care whether it is effective.  
20 Let's take hypothetical. This is a hypothetical, Ms. Grossman.  
21 I want you to realize I will be saying the word hypothetical  
22 five times. Let's assume the City decides to do something  
23 unconstitutional, which is highly effective. That is not my  
24 business. My business is always the Constitution. I don't  
25 care if it is effective. I can't. That is not for me. My



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1 role is to say whether it is constitutional or not  
2 constitutional. So there can be the most effective thing in  
3 the world, maybe we can tap everybody's phone every day. In  
4 terms of law enforcement that would be good, but it would be  
5 unconstitutional. And you would agree with that.

6 Now, if terms of their intent as you pointed out to  
7 rebut the charges, again it is di liberate indifference or  
8 other charges of discrimination. Again, they can say the  
9 intent of this program is to reduce crime. Fine. Then next  
10 question can't be and hasn't it worked because it is not part  
11 of the constitutional analysis. If hypothetically the City  
12 said we're going to violate the Constitution from this day  
13 forth and coerce confessions for everybody we arrest, it might  
14 be good for stopping crime but it would be unconstitutional and  
15 you know that. Clearly that is a hypothetical. I won't say  
16 you would think about doing that. My point is I can't care  
17 whether it is effective. I can only care if it is  
18 constitutional.

19 MS. GROSSMAN: Well, the plaintiffs claim that we  
20 target black and Hispanics in certain neighborhoods and that  
21 we're going in there to stop black and Hispanic people without  
22 any basis. That is a race-based reason why we go into  
23 certain --

24 THE COURT: And your people can testify as I said  
25 before that their intent in this program is to reduce crime,

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1 not this discriminate. I will not take the crime statistics in  
2 this trial. Whether it reduces crime or not is not my concern.  
3 I just said that. I gave you two hypotheticals. You can beat  
4 people to get confessions. So what. Wrong. Unconstitutional.  
5 When people ask for lawyers you can say, No, I am not going to  
6 give you lawyers. Unconstitutional. It may help you find  
7 information, but it is unconstitutional. So I don't deal with  
8 that that is unconstitutional.

9 MS. GROSSMAN: Can I have one moment, please?

10 THE COURT: Surely you see that point.

11 (Pause)

12 MS. GROSSMAN: This ruling would not prohibit the City  
13 from talking about why we send officers into certain areas.

14 THE COURT: What is the answer? We did it to reduce  
15 crime.

16 MS. GROSSMAN: Is it also to address specific crime in  
17 an area. If there is a spike in crime in a particular area and  
18 if we're looking at the City as a whole, where we want to bring  
19 our officers --

20 THE COURT: I can't deal that level of generality. I  
21 think it sounds fine. I am not going to take the result of the  
22 work. That would be wrong. If it is unconstitutional  
23 behavior, I don't care if it works. I can give you five more  
24 examples. We can have preventative detention all over town.  
25 It might be great for law enforcement, but it would be

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1 unconstitutional. I can reasonably focus on a neighborhood  
2 that has a high crime rate. The reason we put a lot of  
3 attention to that borough is that it has a high crime rate.  
4 Fine. I don't want to hear evidence that it works because that  
5 is not part of the constitutional analysis. It either complies  
6 or it doesn't with the Constitution.

7 MS. GROSSMAN: Well, if you are going to allow the  
8 assessing of the intent of the City, then are you going to  
9 accept that it is credible?

10 THE COURT: I will listen to the cross-examination.

11 MS. GROSSMAN: Right. But then the backup of what it  
12 is that in terms of why we do what we do and our intention, you  
13 need to see that to give full flavor.

14 THE COURT: There will be no back door here. I am not  
15 taking any statistics on the efficacy of the program. Either  
16 the program meets the level of constitutionality or it doesn't.  
17 I am only a Court. I am not a policymaker.

18 MS. GROSSMAN: This is not a program. This is a  
19 technique. So to assume this is a program --

20 THE COURT: Fine. I take back the word program. I  
21 take back the word program. It's policing. Stop, question and  
22 frisk. It is a tactic. It is either done constitutionally or  
23 not. It's allowed. Read the Supreme Court. It is allowed,  
24 but you have to meet certain qualifications to do it. The  
25 Supreme Court told us what a Terry stop was in 1968 as somebody

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1 already said here and they went on from there. They told us  
2 what they thought about New York too in Sibron. So it is out  
3 there. That was all part of 1968, companion, Peters, Sibron,  
4 Terry.

5 MS. GROSSMAN: I understand.

6 THE COURT: Good.

7 MS. GROSSMAN: The reason we stop people is because of  
8 race and we say the reason why we stop people is because there  
9 is reasonable suspicion and --

10 THE COURT: We're going to assess that on a case by  
11 case basis the reasonable suspicion. So I think I ruled on MIL  
12 number three.

13 MIL number four, "Witnesses prior conduct, habits and  
14 unrelated stops and frisks."

15 Do you have a response to this before I tell you my  
16 instinct?

17 MS. GROSSMAN: Yes.

18 THE COURT: What is it?

19 MS. GROSSMAN: First of all, I do believe that all of  
20 this information and at least some of it is relevant to the  
21 reliability of the testimony of these witnesses.

22 THE COURT: I wrote a big note in the margin "check."  
23 They said a witness's drug use is not admissible impeachment  
24 evidence under Federal Rules Evidence 608(b) because drug use  
25 is not probative of the character of the truthfulness. Hango

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1 v. Roy, (2d Cir. 2012). I didn't have a chance to look at that  
2 case. If that is what the case says, it is over.

3 MS. GROSSMAN: Let me say I am not necessarily  
4 offering it for the truth of the matter or character or  
5 truthfulness. What I am offering a lot of this for is first of  
6 all many of the witnesses -- it is about their perception and  
7 their memory.

8 THE COURT: Then it goes on. Nor is a witness' drug  
9 use admissible to impeach their memory of the events at issue.  
10 Sixth Circuit, Eighth Circuit, Southern District of New York.  
11 Three cases cited. That is why I asked if you had a response  
12 because there is a lot of case law.

13 MS. GROSSMAN: I haven't had a chance to go through  
14 all the cases.

15 THE COURT: Me neither. If the cases say what the  
16 plaintiffs say they say, I wouldn't allow evidence of their  
17 prior acts, habits, conduct and all the rest.

18 MS. GROSSMAN: I am offering for a different purpose  
19 because many of the witnesses will come in and talk about all  
20 these stops that occurred.

21 THE COURT: Yes.

22 MS. GROSSMAN: We know that some of the cases -- we  
23 contend that the stops didn't happen and many of them don't  
24 remember if they were arrested. Many of them don't remember  
25 when they were arrested if they were. So in terms of their

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1 memory and perception --

2 THE COURT: You can impeachment with an arrest.

3 MS. GROSSMAN: Sure.

4 THE COURT: If you can say, Do you recall that you  
5 were ever arrested? No, I can't recall ever being arrested. I  
6 show you Document X, does that refresh your recollection that  
7 you were arrested on June 10th --

8 MR. MOORE: Judge, why is that --

9 THE COURT: Only --

10 MR. MOORE: I am sorry. Isn't it the mirror image of  
11 your ruling with respect to limiting the plaintiffs to their  
12 testimony about the stop and nothing that happened afterwards?

13 THE COURT: No. If someone denies ever being arrested  
14 and it is proveable that they were, this may go to their  
15 memory, their truth telling. It is not the fact that they were  
16 arrested. It is not the alleged crime that they were arrested  
17 for but that they claim they can't remember being arrested and  
18 then there is proof they were arrested five times.

19 Surely, Mr. Moore, if you were arrested five times,  
20 you would remember. I know I would. That is all I am saying.  
21 It goes to credibility. If someone says, I can't remember ever  
22 being arrested and she walks into cross-examination with five  
23 arrests.

24 MR. MOORE: I don't --

25 THE COURT: There may not be any such case; but if

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1 there is, I will allow them to show that they are not being  
2 truthful or they have a very bad memory.

3 MR. MOORE: That -- I agree with that. I am not sure  
4 if there is any specific instances like that.

5 THE COURT: That's right. So we don't have to worry  
6 about it.

7 MR. MOORE: I am concerned that the City wants to  
8 rummage into the past of all these plaintiffs in a way that  
9 goes beyond the issues in the case which is was there --

10 THE COURT: Look, I can understand this whole  
11 discussion a lot more if it was a jury trial, that they would  
12 want to paint for the jury the fact that this person was a drug  
13 user or had a drug conviction. That is not the case with this  
14 highly experienced judge. It depends on everything. It is all  
15 circumstantial. I think I can separate all that. The purpose  
16 I am being told here is to show -- and I am making this up --  
17 who has five arrests and denies ever being arrested might not  
18 be an honest person. That is what she says she is using it  
19 for.

20 MS. GROSSMAN: Well--

21 MR. MOORE: On the same token, Judge, a police officer  
22 who has five substantiated complaints and denies ever having  
23 any --

24 THE COURT: Do you have that situation?

25 MR. MOORE: I don't know, but I am sure --

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1 THE COURT: I don't know that you have that. I doubt  
2 you have it because the way the objections work, if they  
3 weren't disclosed to you because they were similar to this and  
4 they didn't allow the question were you disciplined because  
5 then we're down to the overtime abuse or the uniform was dirty  
6 or saying nasty words.

7 I think we should move on. It is a very limited  
8 purpose. These cases say what they say. The use of illegal  
9 drugs has nothing to do with character for truthfulness and  
10 drug use is not admissible to impeach memory.

11 MS. GROSSMAN: I understand --

12 THE COURT: It is to show this is an obvious in your  
13 opinion lie. I am talking about an obvious lie which shows  
14 they shouldn't be entitled to belief.

15 MS. GROSSMAN: It doesn't have to be a lie.

16 THE COURT: I think so. No. No. No. I am trying to  
17 get through to you. If you don't have somebody close to a real  
18 lie that you can then argue, Judge, you shouldn't believe this  
19 person because when I asked a question were you ever convicted  
20 of a crime, the person said, No, and I have five convictions  
21 here. Or I asked him at deposition, Were you ever arrested,  
22 and he said, I don't remember, and I have five arrests here.  
23 It will have to be close to a lie or forget it.

24 MR. CHARNEY: On that issue, your Honor, with respect  
25 to other stop and frisk incidents, we have some plaintiffs who



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1 have been stopped 20, 30 times in their life.

2 THE COURT: So they say.

3 MR. CHARNEY: They are not planning to testify  
4 about --

5 THE COURT: I know.

6 MR. CHARNEY: -- all 20 or 30.

7 THE COURT: I know.

8 MR. CHARNEY: For example, one man is going to testify  
9 about three. He has probably been stopped 20 or 30 times. He  
10 complained about those to the CCRB. He has no intention of  
11 offering specific testimony about any other stops but those  
12 three.

13 THE COURT: And?

14 MR. CHARNEY: Defendants are indicating they want to  
15 be able to ask him about all of these other stops, many of  
16 which he will be able to remember. The question is: Are they  
17 trying to use --

18 THE COURT: You can't worry about every little thing.  
19 I am trying the case. I will have to see how it impacts. I  
20 have been doing this a while.

21 It says, and I am quoting to be sure we're on the same  
22 page, "None of the class member witnesses have been convicted  
23 of a crime punishable by death or imprisonment of more than one  
24 year." So you cannot use this prior record to argue that they  
25 are not entitled to belief. It is not for credibility. It

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1 says, "Third: Evidence of a witness' conduct unrelated to the  
2 circumstances surrounding the stops and frisks that the  
3 plaintiffs are challenging are not admissible under 404(b) for  
4 the purpose of proving the stopping officer acted reasonably  
5 under the Fourth Amendment." That certainly is true because  
6 the only issue is what the officer knew at the time of the  
7 stop. If the officer didn't know about other stops or other  
8 arrests, then it couldn't affect his decision to make this  
9 stop.

10 MS. GROSSMAN: Well, your Honor, some of the  
11 encounters with police, prior encounters with police, prior  
12 arrests show a bias against the police. I think also if there  
13 are a number of stops that the individual has been subjected to  
14 or police encounters that they are not contesting and we would  
15 be able to argue that they were appropriate stops.

16 THE COURT: What is the purpose of that testimony?

17 MS. GROSSMAN: Well, if the plaintiffs are showing  
18 that they are subject to a pattern and practice isn't it  
19 probative to know there are other stops that they are subjected  
20 to that were unconstitutional?

21 THE COURT: No. No. What if there were 100 stops  
22 last month and 70 are perfectly good. Good stops. Reasonable  
23 basis to do it and 30 are bad. 70 good does not cancel out 30  
24 unconstitutional stops in my hypothetical. No way. You cannot  
25 go around 30 times stopping people who shouldn't be stopped.

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1 MS. GROSSMAN: Statically if you look at the framework  
2 and the context --

3 THE COURT: I missed that.

4 MS. GROSSMAN: If you look at the framework and  
5 context, if you look at a whole picture over time that there  
6 are X number of encounters and we're talking about the stops  
7 that the plaintiffs are actually contesting represents a  
8 miniscule portion of the whole. That is --

9 THE COURT: No. You can't prove that by showing that  
10 this person claims that they were stopped 20 times but only  
11 contesting three today. That doesn't give you a miniscule  
12 portion of the whole. This is not the argument that there  
13 where are 2.8 million stops and of those 2.8 million stops  
14 Fagan only finds, I don't know --

15 MR. CHARNEY: 180,000.

16 THE COURT: -- 180,000 were bad stops. That means we  
17 made 2.6 million good stops. First of all, you have that  
18 argument. We made 2.6 million good stops because they are only  
19 contesting 200,000 and that is a miniscule percentage of 2.8  
20 million. It is less than 10 percent. You have that evidence  
21 anyway. 92 percent of our stops is good even according to  
22 Fagan. 180,000 bad was stops is too many unconstitutional  
23 stops.

24 MS. GROSSMAN: Statistics is not the only thing you  
25 are relying on. If you are going accept Fagan's report to that

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1 extent the similar type of evidence --

2 THE COURT: I thought you would want to tell me that,  
3 he is contesting only 8 percent of all the stops. You do what  
4 you have to do. No, I am not going to allow these people to be  
5 questioned about other stops. It is impermissible 404(b).

6 I am turning now to Commissioner Kelly's out-of-court  
7 statements on stop and frisk. I am not sure what I meant, but  
8 I wrote "Can't have it both ways. Either he is in or he is  
9 out." It says, "Plaintiffs want to prevent the defendant from  
10 offering out-of-court statements that Commissioner Kelly made  
11 including a letter from the Commissioner to the city council on  
12 November 15th, 2010, responding to Rand's recommendation." It  
13 is clearly an out-of-court statement. He clearly can't be  
14 cross-examined on it.

15 The letter goes on to say, "The defendants do not list  
16 Kelley as a trial witness and they told us two years that he  
17 wasn't going to be a trial witness and therefore he was never  
18 deposed." You cannot have Kelly and not have Kelly. Either  
19 we're having Kelly at this trial or not. We're not having him  
20 by one letter that cannot be cross-examined.

21 MS. GROSSMAN: Your Honor, this letter is just a  
22 summary of the efforts that the police department has made in  
23 response to the Rand recommendations. There is a whole group  
24 of people who carry out and implement --

25 THE COURT: None of the witnesses at this trial can

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1 testify to that?

2 MS. GROSSMAN: Of course.

3 THE COURT: Good. Someone else will.

4 MS. GROSSMAN: So other witnesses should be able to  
5 testify about what happened and --

6 THE COURT: Not the Kelly letter.

7 MR. CHARNEY: Why do they need the letter?

8 THE COURT: Thank you for your echo. If people are  
9 going to testify to the Rand report, they can. As long as they  
10 are here, they can be cross-examined. I will not have  
11 Commissioner Kelly testify by not showing up. It will be put  
12 in as his testimony, no cross-examination, out-of-court  
13 statement, pure hearsay. Nobody else who is here at trial is  
14 welcome to say how the City responded to the Rand report.

15 MS. GROSSMAN: You know, your Honor, I understand you  
16 are willing to accept an affidavit from Mr. Dunn so we don't  
17 have to bring someone in to say something very simple, which  
18 is --

19 THE COURT: If you really are not happy about that,  
20 we'll bring him in tomorrow.

21 MS. GROSSMAN: I am trying to be efficient.

22 THE COURT: You really are not. Bring him in Monday.  
23 Have him take the stand. Have him say whether the report was  
24 mailed so I can never hear this again, please. Bring in  
25 Mr. Dunn on Monday. I don't want to waste time talking about

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1 something so silly as this. Ask whether he has first-hand  
2 information whether the Civil Liberties report was sent to the  
3 police report. We will do it in court on the record and then  
4 you can't accuse me of that again.

5 MS. GROSSMAN: I am not trying to accuse --

6 THE COURT: Bring him in, Mr. Moore. I am willing to  
7 believe Dunn and not Kelly. That is totally false. This was  
8 not evidence at trial. It was simply to show you that the  
9 report was mailed. I don't want to do it that way anymore.  
10 Bring Dunn in. Whatever day he is free, I am free.

11 MR. MOORE: I was going to say not on Monday.

12 MS. GROSSMAN: Your Honor --

13 MR. MOORE: It may be done --

14 THE COURT: Whoever knows it was sent to the police  
15 department, bring that person in. The City has nine lawyers  
16 here today. Any one of the nine can be present so they can  
17 hear it live.

18 MS. GROSSMAN: Your Honor, I was not accusing --

19 THE COURT: Ms. Grossman, sit down.

20 MS. GROSSMAN: I wanted to apologize.

21 THE COURT: Sit down. I am done with that.

22 Turning to evidence of Deon Dennis' arrest warrant.  
23 "The plaintiffs say the defendant should be precluded from  
24 presenting evidence or argument concerning any outstanding  
25 arrest warrants because that is irrelevant." It is already

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1 said here that the police officers were unaware of any warrant.  
2 So of course it shouldn't come in because the police officers'  
3 behavior is judged by facts they knew when they made a stop,  
4 not what they learned a month later or six months later or two  
5 years later. That doesn't go into what caused them to make the  
6 stop at the time. It doesn't matter that there were  
7 outstanding arrest warrants unless they were aware of it and  
8 apparently they will testify they were not.

9 MS. GROSSMAN: So, your Honor, on that point first of  
10 all we believe that this is a subject of a prior ruling, which  
11 is that anything to do with Deon Dennis should be limited to  
12 the circumstances of the stop.

13 THE COURT: Correct.

14 MS. GROSSMAN: So that includes steps that were taken  
15 after --

16 THE COURT: We already covered that. If statements  
17 were made after the stop that described the stop -- if the  
18 officer wrote a narrative summary in his memo book or summons  
19 or complaint -- that is a statement of the officer. If  
20 Mr. Dennis gave a statement somewhere, that's a prior  
21 statement. So we already covered that an hour and a half ago.

22 MS. GROSSMAN: What I want to bring us back to is that  
23 in this -- a little bit of detail will be helpful -- Mr. Dennis  
24 was approached for public consumption of alcohol or having an  
25 open container and the officer was going to give him a summons.

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1 That is not even a stop situation under the Terry. We had a  
2 basis to issue a summons. For that reason we think it should  
3 not be part of this case. Assuming that the Court believes  
4 that he should testify, at the very least the basis for the  
5 stops should be all that is covered. However, what happens is  
6 after we stop him and we are going to issue a summons, we learn  
7 after we check his ID and a warrant comes up. It is at that  
8 moment in time that the police department decides to arrest  
9 him.

10 THE COURT: Is this not an arrest case?

11 MS. GROSSMAN: As long as there is no testimony that  
12 goes -- there are seven witnesses that are attached to this  
13 Deon Dennis incident, which has to do with an investigation  
14 that took place later at the command because the plaintiffs  
15 complained about the warrant being issued. As long as we don't  
16 have to get into testimony about all that--

17 THE COURT: We shouldn't. I don't see where these  
18 plaintiffs are going to the post-stop issues. The arrest is  
19 not part of it. Either the stop was good or bad. You are  
20 defining the stop differently.

21 MR. CHARNEY: Yes.

22 THE COURT: When does the stop occur is one of the  
23 biggest issues in the case. I know what the Supreme Court  
24 said, When a reasonable person would feel free to leave.

25 MS. GROSSMAN: I understand there are witnesses that



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1 are on the existing -- the list that the plaintiffs provided to  
2 us that relate to those witnesses that I don't think should be  
3 testifying given this ruling.

4 THE COURT: Mr. Charney, I don't--

5 MR. CHARNEY: Absolutely.

6 THE COURT: -- any --

7 MR. CHARNEY: The reason those people were on our  
8 initial list is because we didn't know if this warrant was  
9 going to be an issue.

10 THE COURT: Now that you know they are off --

11 MR. CHARNEY: Some will be off.

12 THE COURT: Then we move on.

13 MS. GROSSMAN: It was also part of the Rider report,  
14 this whole investigation. We don't want Rider to be giving  
15 testimony on this.

16 THE COURT: He shouldn't be testifying about this  
17 anyway. I was going to take him as a general expert on police  
18 practice.

19 MR. CHARNEY: There was a CCRB compliant about this  
20 stop and investigation --

21 THE COURT: Statements were taken.

22 MR. CHARNEY: Statements were taken and we believe the  
23 investigation was inadequate. We don't care about the warrant.

24 THE COURT: What issue does that go to?

25 MR. CHARNEY: The failure to discipline an officer of

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1 a bad stop. If the warrant is out, we're not going to put in  
2 evidence about the warrant.

3 MS. GROSSMAN: You cannot have it both ways. The  
4 investigation was into why the warrant was issued.

5 THE COURT: I don't want that part. I want to find  
6 out about the stop. If they investigated the stop, they  
7 investigated it.

8 MR. CHARNEY: It was both.

9 MS. GROSSMAN: Your Honor, I have a copy.

10 THE COURT: Redact it, disentangle it, Mr. Charney.

11 MR. CHARNEY: We can do that.

12 THE COURT: Motion in limine seven: "Class member  
13 witness testimony about neighborhood crime. Plaintiffs will  
14 seek to exclude this." I will wrote in the margin "Would  
15 allow." So I already wrote, "Would allow."

16 Why should I exclude this? Look, high-crime area is  
17 checked off all the time on UF-250s. So I know it is given as  
18 a justification that it is a high-crime area. If the plaintiff  
19 witness was asked, Do you think your own neighborhood is a  
20 high-crime area and he says, Yeah, so be it. I already stated  
21 the law. If all is checked off is high-crime area is that a  
22 basis for a stop? No. We already covered that in the summary  
23 judgment motion practice I believe.

24 MS. BORCHETTA: Your Honor, I think it goes to the  
25 witnesses -- whether the witness' understanding of crime in the

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1 neighborhood has anything to do with officers basis for  
2 reasonable suspicion.

3 THE COURT: It is not for that purpose. It is to  
4 substantiate that there are other people besides a police  
5 officer who thinks this is a high-crime area. In the end so  
6 what. If all you checked off was "high-crime area," would that  
7 justify a stop? Have I not written on that?

8 MR. CHARNEY: Yes.

9 THE COURT: The answer was no. It is not --

10 MS. BORCHETTA: Because they are asking all of the  
11 class --

12 MR. MOORE: You have to slow down.

13 MS. BORCHETTA: -- we anticipate they will do the same  
14 at trial.

15 THE COURT: I do, too.

16 MS. BORCHETTA: I believe it is not relevant.

17 THE COURT: It is relevant to me. It shows somebody  
18 besides the police believes it is a high-crime area. If that  
19 is all the police officer can tell me, it is a bad stop.

20 MS. BORCHETTA: The UF-250 does not check off  
21 high-crime area. If the police officers didn't say that it was  
22 high-crime area, why does it matter whether the witness --

23 THE COURT: I didn't think of that. I figured these  
24 were high-crime areas. A lot of these stops are in what is  
25 known to be high-crime areas. This is no surprise to me. I

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1 cannot turn myself into someone being born yesterday. I have  
2 been here for a long time in this city and on this bench. I  
3 know where the high-crime areas are instinctively, don't you?  
4 This is a nonissue.

5 Now a big issue. Bifurcation of trial into liability  
6 and remedial phases.

7 What is your position on this?

8 MS. GROSSMAN: Your Honor, this is a first time --

9 THE COURT: What is your position?

10 MS. GROSSMAN: I don't understand what they mean and  
11 what they want. I don't understand what it means to bifurcate.

12 THE COURT: Do you have a position?

13 MS. GROSSMAN: I don't think we should.

14 THE COURT: Good. Either do I. I want to make sure  
15 if you agreed with them, I would kind of be in a difficult  
16 position. I don't need to bifurcate. I want to get this trial  
17 tried. One trial.

18 MR. CHARNEY: I know your Honor also doesn't want to  
19 have a third stop-and-frisk class action.

20 THE COURT: I have three now.

21 MR. CHARNEY: There was Daniels and then Floyd. And I  
22 think the concern here is that the remedies that we're seeking  
23 in this case are very complex, very affirmative and there needs  
24 to be a lot of thought put into it. That was not the case in  
25 Daniels. Both sides were at fault for that. Five years later

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1 we were in front of you again. This time we want to get it  
2 right.

3 THE COURT: Good. Get it right, but it is all the  
4 same trial.

5 MR. CHARNEY: But to have us put in all that evidence,  
6 we're burdening you --

7 THE COURT: No, you are not. Let's get one record,  
8 one decision and one appeal from one side or the other.

9 MR. CHARNEY: We may need to add exhibits and  
10 witnesses.

11 THE COURT: Okay. Because you anticipate that I was  
12 going to ruling in your favor?

13 MR. CHARNEY: No. No.

14 THE COURT: Get it done.

15 Now Mr. Pena.

16 MS. BORCHETTA: The last one.

17 THE COURT: The last one says, "The plaintiffs want to  
18 preclude defense counsel from communicating with witnesses once  
19 the witness has been sworn." I believe the law is not until  
20 the witness is on cross. Once the person is on cross, they  
21 cannot do that and you can't either. Once your witness is on  
22 cross, you cannot talk to them.

23 MS. GROSSMAN: I think we're all professionals here.

24 THE COURT: Didn't I just state so.

25 Let's go to Mr. Pena. There are a lot letters, pages,

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1 exhibits. It will save time once again for me to tell you  
2 where I am leaning and then you can talk for a while. I don't  
3 think Pina should testify here. It is a Housing Authority  
4 stop. It is inside the building. It is not on the street.  
5 Plaintiffs -- and I say that collectively. I know there are  
6 slightly different counsel in all three cases. They chose to  
7 bring three different cases. I'm burdened with that. Let's  
8 keep them as separate as we can. We cannot make it perfect.  
9 If these had been out in the street, I would have to do it. If  
10 it is inside of the building, it raises a host of issues. Even  
11 though you say it doesn't, it raises the the local rules, the  
12 rules of the Housing Authority. The House Authority assigned  
13 it there. The Housing Authority has certain rules and  
14 regulations that are bound to come up. It is a mistake. I am  
15 not going to try the Davis case in the Floyd case. I don't buy  
16 the argument you need him because he is the only Hispanic in  
17 the Bronx. You have other Hispanics in other boroughs. If you  
18 want to make the point, no. I will listen to you, but no.

19 MR. CHARNEY: Your Honor, I guess this issue is a  
20 particular -- I don't know how to put this.

21 THE COURT: Importance to you.

22 MR. CHARNEY: Importance to us but also -- and again I  
23 don't want to get on a soapbox and talk here because I know  
24 your time is precious, but we're talking about a class action  
25 lawsuit against the largest police department in North America.

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1 THE COURT: And there are two other pending cases.

2 MR. CHARNEY: I understand that, your Honor.

3 THE COURT: Which raises many of the same issues.

4 MR. CHARNEY: This case is about suspicionless and  
5 raced-based stops.

6 THE COURT: And the other two?

7 MR. CHARNEY: Suspicionless and race-based stops and  
8 policies having to do with enforcement of housing regulations,  
9 having to do with trespass affidavit program. I understand  
10 that.

11 THE COURT: A lot less than you think. Those are  
12 street stops, too.

13 MR. CHARNEY: What we're concerned about are  
14 pedestrians.

15 THE COURT: I know and the Legon case. The Legon case  
16 unfortunately is exactly that. They just happened to be in the  
17 vicinity. They are essentially street stops. The whole point  
18 in that case, which I don't think you are counsel, but it is  
19 all about being on the street. They stress 100 times it is  
20 outside the building, outside the building, outside the  
21 building. I have problems as it is.

22 MR. CHARNEY: I understand, your Honor.

23 THE COURT: No you don't.

24 MR. CHARNEY: I understand you are busy.

25 THE COURT: It is not that. It is the roll-over

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1 effect from one case to another that is truly troubling.

2 MR. CHARNEY: I gotcha. What we have challenged all  
3 along is a policy and practice of suspicionless and race-based  
4 stops. We have no interest in litigating the NYCHA regulations  
5 or how they enforce them.

6 THE COURT: I know, but they would inevitably come up  
7 during Pena's testimony from either Pena or the stopping  
8 officer.

9 MR. CHARNEY: He didn't testify that he had been  
10 hanging out, that he had a problem with patrols.

11 THE COURT: He is not inside the building. The  
12 officers will raise issues about Housing Authority rules and  
13 regulations. He doesn't have to be the one to raise it. They  
14 will.

15 MR. CHARNEY: We don't know that yet because they  
16 haven't been deposed.

17 THE COURT: I know. They are stopping inside a  
18 Housing Authority building.

19 MR. CHARNEY: Your Honor, is your position that if a  
20 person is stopped inside a NYCHA building --

21 THE COURT: Yes.

22 MR. CHARNEY: -- not only are they not a member of our  
23 class, any remedy will not apply to stops inside the NYCHA.

24 THE COURT: No. Well, don't worry about that. When  
25 the time for remedy comes, it will cover any suspicionless



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1 stop. If we get to remedy and that is the remedy. Look,  
2 remedy will have to do with training if there is a remedy,  
3 right?

4 MR. CHARNEY: It will have to do a lot more than  
5 training.

6 THE COURT: Let's take training. It applies to all  
7 police officers making stops anywhere in any circumstance  
8 whether it is Deon outside a building, whether it is Davis  
9 inside a NYCHA building or street stops in Floyd. Once you say  
10 the police department doesn't understand what the basis should  
11 be for a stop, when you have reached that point, then you have  
12 to retrain and supervise and monitor and all the rest of it.  
13 Of course it will apply to everybody. I am not saying that. I  
14 am just saying to put that into the trial and have Pena testify  
15 and all the officers testify. Inevitably it gets into the  
16 Davis case. It is just a mistake. We have enough plaintiffs.

17 MR. CHARNEY: For the record, your Honor, we only 12.

18 THE COURT: Now you have 11?

19 MR. CHARNEY: Now we have 12. Legon they had 11.  
20 That was a case about the Bronx. We have a citywide case with  
21 12 witnesses. I don't think by any means we're trying to be  
22 duplicative.

23 THE COURT: Nor did I say that. 12 is a lot and 13 is  
24 no better. I don't want to get into the NYCHA inside the  
25 building stops.

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1 MS. COOKE: I would like to quash the subpoenas  
2 plaintiffs issued for those officers.

3 THE COURT: Right. If I am not having Pina, I don't  
4 have the officers. I think that covered everything. Where  
5 does that leave us?

6 MS. COOKE: There was one more issue, your Honor, with  
7 respect to the refusal to provide conflict information.

8 THE COURT: Lino. I saw that. I read about this and  
9 I am a little bit troubled. If they are not eyewitnesses to  
10 the stop, why would you be allowed to contact them, call them,  
11 depose them? It is all a waste of time. You have been  
12 complaining about having to do all these depositions on the eve  
13 of trial. Why should I let you sort of roam around look for  
14 things that are not there. If any of these were eyewitnesses  
15 they should tell you.

16 Mr. Charney, Mr. Moore, if you know of any of these  
17 people they would like to find actually who witnessed stop, I  
18 think that is fair. If they are friends who later had a  
19 conversation --

20 MS. COOKE: Mr. Lino filed a number of CCRB complaints  
21 and he identified in fact particularly Darwin Baris as someone  
22 who was present.

23 THE COURT: Present at the stop?

24 MR. CHARNEY: No, your Honor. This goes back to our  
25 motion in limine about unrelated stops. Mr. Lino, and we

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1 disclosed him in November, and we identified three stops that  
2 he would testify about in this case. Mr. Baris was not present  
3 at any of those three stops. Mr. Lino testified too that  
4 effect in his deposition. Mr. Baris was at a stop. Mr. Lino  
5 has been stopped 20 or 30 stops. He was present at another  
6 stop that Mr. Lino was not intending to testify about in this  
7 case. So if those other stops are not going to be testified  
8 about to specifically, I don't understand the relevance of  
9 Mr. Baris' testimony.

10 THE COURT: Ms. Cooke, did you know that, that the  
11 fact that this fellow saw the stop that is not one of the stops  
12 that they are putting forth?

13 MS. GROSSMAN: In part, your Honor. A deposition of  
14 Mr. O'Neil was ended without completion. So with respect to  
15 that, I can't confirm that my understanding is the same as Mr.  
16 Charney.

17 THE COURT: If it turns out that way, if this person  
18 Baris, or whatever his name is, observed a stop that is not  
19 going to be tried so to speak in this case --

20 MS. COOKE: With respect to your Honor's ruling  
21 earlier if in fact the other stops are not relevant, the  
22 plaintiffs would not be allowed to pick the stops they will be  
23 presenting then if the person wasn't a witness, we wouldn't  
24 have an interest in deposing them.

25 THE COURT: It has to bear out to be the case.

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1 Now I think we have gone through all these MILs.

2 MS. GROSSMAN: Your Honor, we presented the plaintiffs  
3 with a stipulation of dismissal with prejudice of the  
4 plaintiffs' damages claims. I wanted to make sure we get an  
5 order that officially --

6 THE COURT: Have I gotten the signed stipulation yet?

7 MS. GROSSMAN: We just gave it to them.

8 THE COURT: As soon as I get a signed stip and  
9 proposed order, I am sure I will act.

10 MR. CHARNEY: One second.

11 THE COURT: Sure.

12 (Pause)

13 MR. MOORE: Judge, can I go back to this issue of the  
14 remedial aspect of --

15 THE COURT: Yes. The bifurcation?

16 MR. MOORE: I am not sure bifurcation captures it. I  
17 would assume that given that this is now just an injunctive  
18 case that there -- in order to have any entitlement to any kind  
19 of remedy, we would have to establish a constitutional  
20 violation.

21 THE COURT: Of course.

22 MR. MOORE: So I am assume that we would do that.  
23 There would be a decision by the Court.

24 THE COURT: No. Wrong. One trial, one decision.  
25 That's it.

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1 MR. MOORE: You want witnesses to talk about what  
2 could be done?

3 THE COURT: Absolutely. One trial.

4 MR. MOORE: That is going to take some considerable  
5 effort and that may lengthen the trial.

6 THE COURT: There's a threat.

7 MR. MOORE: Well --

8 THE COURT: I know it is more work for me and I made a  
9 decision.

10 MR. MOORE: I think it would be more efficient --

11 THE COURT: Well, when you have this job, I think you  
12 will bifurcate.

13 MR. MOORE: Pardon?

14 THE COURT: When you have my job, you will bifurcate.

15 MR. MOORE: And I don't want your job.

16 THE COURT: I don't blame you.

17 MR. MOORE: When you have my job, you can make the  
18 same argument.

19 THE COURT: Maybe some day I will have your job.

20 MR. MOORE: I hope so.

21 THE COURT: Anything further?

22 I think given the extraordinary amount of work going  
23 on on a number of issues, we should set up a date for another  
24 conference for anything that percolates up. We can always  
25 cancel.

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1 MR. CHARNEY: Two weeks.

2 THE COURT: Two weeks. I am looking for one.

3 MS. GROSSMAN: Your Honor, I have a personal--

4 THE COURT: I am not picking a date. Tell me what you  
5 like.

6 MS. GROSSMAN: Three weeks is the earliest given all  
7 that we're doing.

8 Can I have a moment?

9 THE COURT: Of course.

10 (Pause)

11 MS. GROSSMAN: How about the 25th?

12 THE COURT: I am out of town.

13 MS. GROSSMAN: 29th.

14 THE COURT: I am on trial. So it would be late in the  
15 day.

16 MS. GROSSMAN: 29th or 30th.

17 MR. CHARNEY: 29th will be better for us.

18 THE COURT: That is a bad one. I have my MDL that  
19 afternoon.

20 MR. MOORE: How about Friday the 1st.

21 THE COURT: The 1st is real good.

22 MS. GROSSMAN: We have conflicts on the first.

23 MR. CHARNEY: How about the 31st?

24 THE COURT: The 31st is really the next best for me.

25 In fact it is the best. 31st at 3:30.

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1 Now, is there anything else?

2 No.

3 Can I have two lawyers per side -- Ms. Grossman,  
4 Ms. Cooke, Mr. Moore and Mr. Charney -- in the robing room.

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